stocks were not conforming to the relaxed uniform specification of Government of India. The same stocks were accepted by one Tech. Asstt. alongwith the other staff by fabricating the records and showing the acceptance before 30th April, 1998 which was the last extended date of acceptance of rice under relaxed specifications.

(c) Following officials of FCI were identified by the local Committee (SDM, and DSP, Narwana, and District Managar, FCI Rohtak) and have been kept under suspension;

1. Sh. Sow Singh AG. I (DEPOT)
2. Sh N.D. Sharma, AG.II(D)
3. Sh. Data Ram Chamola, AG.II(D)
4. Sh. Samunder Singh, AG.III(D)
5. Sh. O.P. Girdhar, TA.I(Absconding)

The Haryana Government has registered a FIR against the Rice Millers, and Sh. O.P. Girdhar, TA.I and others. The Police have arrested the four FCI depot officials mentioned from S.No. 1 to 4.

Purchase of Sub-Standard Foodgrains by the Regional Office of F.C.I. Punjab.

1857. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received about the purchase of sub-standard quality of foodgrains by the Regional Office of F.C.I. Punjab, during the period from 1993 till date;

(b) the total quantity of such substndard foodgrains purchased and despatched to the various regions for public distribution and how much loss has actually been incurred as result thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the officer incharge of the Region as per F.C.I. Circular No. O.C-5(22)/ Procedure Quality complaint/83-Vol.II, dated the 1st October, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) A total number of 53 complaints were received in Food Corporation of India (FCI) about purchase of sub-standard foodgrains in Punjab region during the period from 1993 till date.

(b) The Punjab region has received quality complaints covering 2.03 lakh tonnes of foodgrains out of 401.07 lakh tonnes despatched to various regions during the period. The total loss could be worked out after disposal of the entire quantity.

(c) No action has been taken against the Officer-in-Charge of FCI Punjab region. However, one Deputy Manager (QC), who had been found responsible for despatch of beyond maximum limits rice stocks ex. Ferozepur District, has been dismissed. Besides, major penalty proceedings against 3 District Managers (2 from Faridkot and 1 from Ferozepur) are in progress.

Alleged Scam in Wheat Import Deal from Australia

1858. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to import wheat arrived at by the preceding caretaker Government has allegedly resulted in a Rs. 100 crore scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to locate the alleged scam and to book those responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.